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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

## Please add the following new claims:

17 (New) The online game method of claim 1, further comprising receiving by the control unit predetermined characteristics of the players running model.

18 (New) The game system of claim 11, wherein said game machine further comprising means for a player to specify predetermined characteristics of the players running model.

19 (New) The online game method of claim 1, further comprising controlling by said control unit each of the plurality of game machines so as to synchronize the start of race games respectively executed by the plurality of game machines.

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